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DRY GOODS.—The Merchants' Cotton Company have issued a revised price list showing an all-round advance of about 10 per cent., and the other mills are reported as taking orders, subject to advance. City retail business has not yet opened up very briskly for the fall, but travellers are reported as doing very fairly in the country, and general collections rule fair to good.

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GROCERIES.—The "Escalona," the first direct fruit steamer, billed to leave Denia, her last port of cal, on the 15th, is reported to-day as still loading there, so that she can hardly be expected before the 10th of October. The market for Valencia raisins is reported as much excited, owing to the extraordinarily high prices for Sultanas and currants, and shippers have cabled local selling agents to suspend taking orders till further advised. Sales of new Valencia raisins to

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